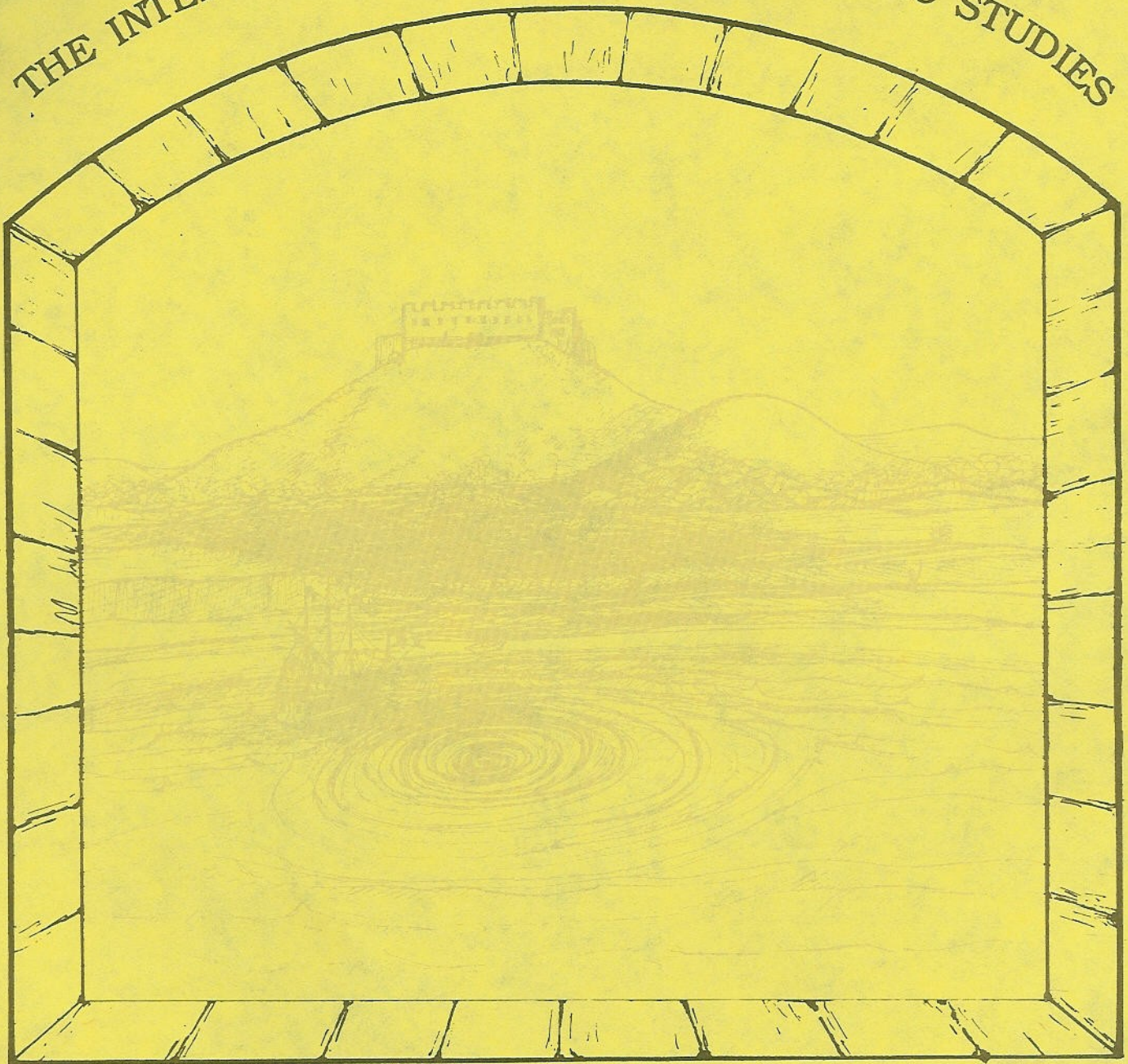


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Before anyone can enter the deeper mysteries of life he has, firstly, to undergo the sacred discipline of Love. This discipline is one of dealing with the unpleasant side of one's self and to understand the difficulties of others. Love was, and still is, the discipline of those made perfect as the Sons of God, and, in the days of the Patriarchs, had nothing to do with the morality we know of today or that is taught in the religious institutions.

In the English language there is only one word used for love and, according to the many different meanings attached to it, one makes out of it what he wills. A Gnostic writer says, "In the language of the ancient Greek philosophers that has been adopted by Christianity, there are three main forms of Love that are most apparent in the experience of man. These three are Philos, Amos, and Agape. Philos," he writes, "is most commonly understood as 'brotherly love', that is, it is the bond that exists between mankind..... Upon Amos, however, rests the mystery of creations, for it is the particular manifestation of Love that unites two beings as one that is entirely new and different from either of the two previous beings.... One expression of this form of Love is that which exists between man and woman which finds its highest cause in the formation of new life.... The highest of all forms of Love

- that which is most commonly associated with spirituality and absorption into complete comprehension of the Cosmic Force - is Agape.... Agape cannot be attained without the transcendence of the illusion of isolated ego-identity. It is the experience of the All as One... It is the Love that is complete, and all other forms of Love are but shadows of it."

The error of the materialist is in believing that Love, in its true sense, is associated with desire. The great teacher Jesus, who came in the line of the Patriarchs, taught that Love was the supreme goal in Life. He restated the teachings of Moses to his hearers when he quoted from Deuteronomy and Leviticus, and said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind.... Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself". This would be the Torah, or Sacred Law, to him and this teaching fulfills all that is contained in the three Greek words mentioned earlier. In practice it is this Love that baffles the politicians, confounds the intellectuals, nullifies the powers of the magicians, and dims the vision of the prophets. There is no deeper magic than Love.

Let us spend a little time in exploring what the meaning of Love is to us. Unless we come to learn Love, we will not know the answers to human problems. Also, Love does not just descend upon us like a shooting star from the heavens - we have to study it and by experience finally realise that the very nature of the Universe, its substance and upholding power, is Love. The most beautiful rendering and explanation of Love is given by St. Paul in his Epistle to the Corinthians. He says that one can have all gifts including prophecy, and the understanding of all mysteries. In the days when this was written, it would include all the arts and sciences, divine and profane, and even if one possessed the power to move mountains - or even rock the universe and having not Love - it was nothing.

Giving away our wealth and doing good works simply because it is the thing to do, or that it looks good in the eyes of others - benefits us nothing. Jesus

says the same thing. In the well-known Sermon on the Mount, "Not everyone that says to me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you, depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Many, today, who are engaged in various healing professions, social welfare work, politics, law or religion, whose motives are not founded upon Agape, Amos or Philo, are not really engaging in man's purpose here - for unless we are unattached to the thought of reward, in how much the job pays and the perks associated with it, we are not free.

Love is not envious or jealous of others. The common idea that if a husband was not jealous of his wife when she talked to another man, he did not really love her, is an error in believing that love is possessive or that one has the right over another's actions. Real love allows the object of its love complete freedom of action and thought and does not grieve should the object of its love go its own way. It does not like to see another's downfall, even if it has been brought about by careless action: but it helps the sufferer to bear his fruits. The idea of sympathy or sentiment is not love. Sympathy or sentiment for another is really born of self-centredness and shows that we are still identifying our loved one with the evils of the world.

Love is not beguiled away by bribes to satisfy another's whim - neither is it caught up in plots and intrigues to gain some particular end. In all things it remains pure and honourable, for it knows the law that all men ultimately reap what they sow, and this deepens its compassion. Love forever gives of itself but knows how to receive graciously. It understands and recognises the equality of all beings, and helps others to exploit themselves in seeking to come to self-knowledge. It does not bemoan circumstances but uses them as a channel to gain a deeper sense of

being. College diplomas or university degrees are of little importance to love for it is authority of itself, and it is the very nature and essence of all genuine intelligence. It heals all diseases, mends broken homes and breaks down all barriers between men and nations. No problem exists in love.

The love that exists between male and female, or man and wife, can be the most profound and uplifting experience that humans can have. That which is called "sexual intercourse" can be found to be the key to the many mysteries which, at present, are misunderstood. The mystery of sex supplies the key to the cause of all suffering, violence, robbery and death. Also the same key gives the secrets of healing, purification and the attainment of wisdom. Our so-called "permissive society", where sex is a "free for all", is the same mental state that has produced an increase in hooliganism and violent crime. Children brought up in this kind of society are not much more than an incarnation of the uncontrolled passions of their parents. Mankind is a compound organism and all false attitudes, that are tolerated within this society, produces its own ills. All people are responsible for the unpleasant things that prevail in the environment and trouble will persist, until attitudes change. A home filled with love and understanding is the happiest place on Earth and is the right atmosphere for the rearing of children. They can feel the right conditions that gives them the opportunity of being secure and provides for the growing of their minds free from inhibitions which breeds delinquents and law-breaking citizens.

The delinquent children of today have entered this phase of their lives through a poisoned doorway. A mother and father lacking in fidelity, honesty and parental discipline can provide only an adulterated atmosphere, in which the offspring has to grow, and life becomes one of squalor and degradation. The real crime is against the children of the future. Recent discoveries in medical research have found a bacteria known as *chlamydiae* which infects the mother's

cervix, as a result of sexual promiscuity, and gives rise to eye infections and other diseased conditions. Infidelity is caused by ignorance. The attitude that sex is an occupation to be indulged in when in the presence of one of the opposite sex, is not the natural state of mature manhood or womanhood. Where the sexes indulge freely in access to each other's bodies shows that there is no respect for the body as a holy temple for the life of God to express Itself. This lack of respect blinds one to the quality of fidelity which is so necessary for building a stable and happy home. If one has no intentions of marrying the one with whom one has sexual intercourse he, or she, opens the door to genetic adulteration.

Another deep poison in society today is where two people come to an understanding just to satisfy each other's sex needs, without any thought of love or even the sharing of any other part of their lives. This often leads to a condition when, if one of the party meets someone they think they could live with, the resulting marriage will be marred by feelings of guilt and the fear that the "friend" will turn up someday and demand his, or her, rights, because they have already claimed power of the other's body. Cold sex, devoid of love, breeds a society of cold intellectuals. The types that, in the name of science, think up such devices as the "anti-personnel" bomb or carve up the bodies of innocent animals believing that they are helping mankind.

These are all the pitfalls of society and are mainly due to a belief in the powers of good and evil and in the reality of pain and suffering. If man concentrated his efforts on discovering his true nature and lived according to the standards of the true meaning of love, he would find that his happiness was complete and free from fear. "God is Love", wrote St. Paul and a complete faith in Love's all-pervading presence is "the substance of things hoped for - the evidence of things not seen". When we imbibe the nature of love, Agape, we become at one with It and we discover our eternal nature. Love, then, is the only thing that can be reckoned as being

the genuine Reality in the Universe.

In the world around us we witness much suffering. These are the effects of man seeking to possess and bind life to his own selfish will. Selfish man tries to hide his mistakes and believes that he can escape the consequences; the wise ones admit their mistakes and make an effort to correct themselves. To practice love, also known as compassion, frees us from all the effects of the many dogmas and doctrines in existence. It frees us from all the supposed effects of the Law of Cause and Effect, Reincarnation, from the influences of Astrology and Magic, and reaches far beyond the boundaries of man-made science. The highest of the Eastern teachings confirms this. This teaching is known as the Advaita Vedanta and its latest sage was Bhagavan Sri Ramana. In the book "Maha Yoga", by "who", it states on page 68, "Since time does not really exist, there is no past, nor future, nor even the present; nor can there have been anything like a creation of the world. Also all things that presuppose time are unreal. So we had no past births, nor shall have any in the future; nor are we now embodied, nor can death be real. Neither can there be actions done in the past, whose fruits we would reap. Nor are we now doers of action, the fruits of which would be reaped by us in future. This is the absolute, undiluted truth, as experienced by all the Sages: this however does not affect the relative validity of the beliefs of the layman."

This quotation contains the essence of the teachings of the Patriarchs from whence comes our western teachings of Jesus the Essene Master. To live continually in the state of Agape gives us the insight to know the nature of the Unmanifested God and the knowledge of our own true selves. The most difficult task that Jesus gave to his followers was to "love your enemies". Institutionalised Christianity has never successfully taught this aspect of Jesus' teaching, because it is so tied up with politics that when wars arise, the one's who tried to live according to the Christ message would be opposing the laws of the country. This attitude of the church's

has resulted in them losing many true followers of the faith. It is wrong to teach "love your enemies" on Sunday, then advise the person to fight his enemy on Monday. It is this attitude of double standards that will bring the downfall of the "western" world. Meanwhile there is a great upsurge of new energies which are helping in the overthrow of past false standards and mankind will emerge with a new way of life based upon his natural position within the ordered state of things.

Enemies, according to the organised bodies, are people who possess views different from our own and those who seek to overthrow the ruling governing bodies, whether good or bad. At the other end of the scale, those seeking to overthrow the existing establishment see those already in power as enemies. Again this is the attitude of those who have not been reared in an atmosphere of love. Our chief enemy is not misguided, or evil people. It is the error of tolerating the attitudes and philosophies that perpetuate and maintain the breeding ground for social evils to grow. Some societies are aware of this and try to overcome this difficulty by having a system of arranged marriages, and some societies impose terrible punishment upon law breakers. The western societies tend to exercise a more tolerable outlook but in the main these systems are wrong. They all tend to overlook the root of the troubles. A misunderstood sense of toleration leads to the toleration of evil. A misunderstood sense of love leads to debased practices, and a misunderstood sense of justice leads to an eventual breakdown of law and order - so it can be seen that mankind needs a return to the wisdom of his forebears: those who laid down the true laws of love and justice in the beginning. In their wisdom, the Patriarchs of old understood one simple rule which our gnostic friends remind us of, that, "There are only two classes of people in the world, namely, the loved and the unloved."

Once we can place ourselves entirely in the influence of Divine Love, Agape, and become its slave, we find that we are really free and then we can become the efficient servants of all men. It

requires great courage to surrender to Agape, for to come into full understanding of it, one has to forgo the appreciation and attachment to one's own built-up world of hopes and ambitions. Things no longer matter and one is consumed with the compassion to ease the suffering of the unloved within the world.

"What is Truth?" enquired Pilate of Jesus in the Scriptures. Krishnamurti told his early followers that Truth is a pathless land and that is why many searchers on a "path" never find it. Because of the elusiveness of Truth the Elohim, or Creative Principle of the Universe, fashioned a world for us built by the essence and mind-stuff of Divine Love and by this act, our God became Love, as St. Paul stated. The doctrine of "good and evil" has no place in a realm of Love and when we can come to the full realisation of this great Truth, we find that the 'dual'-natured world we call real actually possesses no substance of Reality. The children of Seth were able to experience the only One state of consciousness - the true God-Mind. There was no opposite to be concerned about or to speculate upon; neither was it necessary to discuss the beautiful atmosphere in which they lived. They simply accepted their lives as they were and enjoyed the reality of them. We are told in the Book of Genesis that pain and suffering came about by the eating of the fruit of the "tree of knowledge of good and evil" and this allegory can be proved true in its results. The task of trying to lead a "good" life or to achieve "peace of mind" is impossible as long as one accepts the reality of the existence of those opposite states of mind. No system, religion or teaching can succeed in helping to free one from pain and suffering as long as the belief and acceptance of these things persists. New conditions are born out of pure motives, unselfish actions and a knowledge that, whatever a man thinks, he will experience the essence of his thought sometime. Peace will come when man has learned that he has no enemies to hate.

According to the Essene teachings,

Jesus taught, "Love God and your fellow man. All else is speculation." Whilst the scriptures seem to imply a duality of forces as being the nature of the universe, there is still much to indicate the claim of a non-duality of the God indicated therein. By inquisitions, persecutions and the destruction of past records, the present Christian institution has been able to claim complete authority on all matters spiritual, and by legislation, through its influence in political affairs, has also been able to dictate its powers over the souls of the individual. Many enlightened men have found themselves at the doors of prisons, the gallows and the stake through the opposition of those who are supposed to love their enemies.

The Universal Intelligence that emanates all life still remains in control and is not affected by the ways of men or organised religions; in Its Divine Compassion for Its own creation maintains Hidden Places, that cannot be desecrated by mere mortals, because His genuine knowledge is in Itself a protection for those who understand and practice It. Too many sects are involving themselves in politics and are stirring up the primitive societies in other countries believing they are doing God's work when, in fact, they are causing more suffering to come about. The Great Master teaches us to avoid getting involved in worldly affairs. His teaching is not to seek to make the world a better place but that this will come about by practicing love and wisdom to all. Unenlightened Christians view the world as being full of good and evil people, instead of seeing one large family with wise ones setting an example.

The guiding power to the understanding of the true nature of the Cosmos is to be found in the adherence to Purity, Truth and Righteousness. Without these qualities one cannot enter the Sacred Schools of Life which impart that knowledge, which was known by the pre-flood Patriarchs, the teaching of Perfection. An Islamic researcher writes, "Just as institutionalised Christianity, at the threat to its stranglehold on religion, clashed with the Initiatory Brotherhoods, so official Islam fought with all the

virulence at its command against its own esoteric movement."

In the early days, since the "mythical" flood, most religious systems kept in touch with what has become popularly known as "mystery schools". From these "mystery schools" the actual founders of the various religions came. The early "religions" were really "schools for living" and the systems employed varied according to the place and ethnic nature of the students. Nobody was expected to conform to a limited set of creeds for it is creeds and dogmas that stunt spiritual growth. The freedom to grow in God's likeness, to ascend to the status of perfect manhood, is the birthright of every being.

The late Richard Duc de Palatine, an initiate of many orders, faithfully researched the history of the Sacred Schools Tradition and restored the Right of succession to modern Gnostic Christianity. In one of his works he says, "...each Mystery Cult and School claimed the Right of Succession derived from Atlantis before the Deluge. As this Right was backed-up by the Right of Succession from Venus, the Emperors, Kings, Princes, Hierophants and Priest-Bishops had every right to call themselves Sons of the Sun, since they were initiated into their particular office through the same ritual. It was from Serapis that the Roman Popes and Bishops could claim the divine right to the Priesthood of Melchisedek - he who lived before the flood of 9564 B.C." With regard to the Priest-King Melchisedek, Sir Wallis Budge writes in the work previously mentioned, "The narrative of the descents made by Seth and his companions from the Mountain of Paradise into the plain is certainly based on historical fact; and though Melchisedek has not yet been identified in the cuneiform inscriptions, there is every reason to believe that he existed and that he was the founder of a pure form of religion and a great ruler as well as a priest".

Orthodox historians and theologians ridicule many of the ideas presented here and in their smug way smile quietly at those who believe them, yet they themselves remain ignorant of life's

→ mysteries. They have been well instructed by their church or university which is the "right" knowledge to pursue. In practice their facts are the most favoured suppositions. Experts inform us that, of course, there is no life on Mars or Venus, neither did a country called Atlantis exist. The story of Joseph of Arimathea is an old wives' tale! What does this kind of scepticism amount to? From the point of view of a seeker after Truth, it represents a stunted view of God's world which, in its interior sense, is unlimited in its areas of intelligent life, and in its material sense, one should believe only what one sees and hears with his five senses. In a spiritual Solar System, Venus qualities are equally present on the other planets as they are at location. Atlantis refers to the former great civilisation that existed before the global disaster and our historical records already provide the facts that the survivors were versed in the knowledge of agriculture, metal working, mathematics, medicine and astronomy.

To learn that there are still centres where sincere seekers after spiritual knowledge can contact teachers maintaining the Right of Succession offers no surprise either. Those of the supposedly existing "esoteric schools" must be aware that, what has now become known as "esoteric" knowledge, is but the counterfeit of the truth. In the beginning - so begins a process of speculation and a series of suppositions stemming from an association of ideas based upon a single thought. Thus a whole science or system of knowledge is begun and a world is born - and this process continues until the least common denominator within the spectrum of manifestation takes up the same theme and repeats the understanding at a lower level. The human level of cosmic understanding is but a concept, or a series of concepts strung on a theme, of the Universe from how life appears to affect us here. Is it possible that there are greater intelligences abroad in the galaxy who possess a more reliable understanding of the nature of Being? Are humans mere pawns in a giant system and higher beings are using them in a Cosmic chess game? Are humans a vermin corrupting a living

planet which finally return to the dust from whence they came?

According to the ancient teaching, it was the Elohim that created mankind and the world. The word Elohim is a plural noun and would indicate that it was a plurality of beings that performed the task. Since it can be seen that the manifestation of a universe consists of a kind of plurality - of various groups of energies and forces - who or what are the Elohim? The secret schools teach that there exists a Great Central Sun in the unmanifested realms of conscious knowledge and from this emanates everything that we can ever come to know regarding ourselves and the universe. This Great Central Sun stirred within Itself and the great energies and forces, latent within, started a series of pulsations, or vibrations, operating in all directions. Modern scientists refer to this as the "Big Bang Theory". Because of the many Synergies produced in this process certain points of focus became seemingly autonomous in their activity and a kind of secondary process began. This process caused the forming of the Elohim or conscious activity for producing what we call "thought". Thus, the Elohim could be described as great conscious "thought producing centres" within the whole of Complete Consciousness of the Primary Force - the Unmanifested "God". The "Elohim" then were the first "creators" within the mind of the first Great Central Sun and when viewed objectively, by the human senses, appear as a great spiralling galaxy moving outwards into space, consisting of myriads of Solar Systems and other bodies more difficult to describe in technical terms.

The objectively seen solar systems are like giant atomic structures existing in space and yet they are but miniature replicas of the Great "Father" Sun that brought them forth from within Itself and Its own substance. It is these Solar Systems which are known as the Elohim because it is from these great Beings that worlds are born and that each "El" possesses Its own unique creation; yet at a point they are all unified in the one manifestation of the Great Primary

Force. The make-up of an "El", god, or solar system consists of the primary energies pulsating at different speeds within the galaxy - and could be likened to a vital organ or part necessary within the whole structure to maintain an orderly process of "Godlike" activity. Human observers of this process speak of a Masculine, or positive force, and a Feminine, or negative force. In the Patriarchal teachings it is spoken of as the One Force operating at two different "periods" of time. It is from this understanding that an original concept of Sacred Knowledge is seen, and it is in this kind of knowledge that the "Son of God" lives, moves and has his being.

It can be seen now what is meant in the scriptures by a "priesthood" which exists that is entirely separated from the Aaronic, or man-made, priesthood. One lives in the knowledge of "Eternal" things as against those that live by a transient or mortal concept of the Universe. The Teacher of Righteousness, referred to as Jesus, taught that there are no "male and female" in heaven. Heaven is the awareness of one's state of eternity within the Cosmic Scheme. In Truth there are no male and female beings only the appearance of such by way of the so-called "five senses" of a mortal body. There is but one Power, or type of Energy, meeting at different points within its many orbiting areas, whilst seeking its way back to its own Source, just as the electron produces a mighty energy in its journey back to the nucleus of an atom after being separated. Scientists tell us that in laboratory tests an electron can appear to go through two separate holes at once. A phenomenon they cannot explain.

By the teachings, or understanding, based upon the hypothesis mentioned, it is possible to come to the awareness of one's real relationship with the universe. The hypothesis built up on knowledge, gained by that which is considered to be transient, cannot be true, so one is commencing from a limited stand point in the quest. For according to the Solar Doctrines the human, or mortal, experiences are no more than the dreams one has when he is asleep

and are unreal in nature.

When one looks at the Sun one sees a great bright sphere in space, and scientists go on at length to try to explain this phenomenon. Some even admit that all they really know about this Sun is just "coffee talk" - or that which they discuss among themselves during a coffee break. They confess that what is really going on "up there" baffles them and the instruments they use tell them little. This "great light" is brought about by the rapid pulsation of energy coming into contact with the optic nerve in the eye and interpreted as Light. It is possible that there is actually no light as is generally understood as light and that really a kind of harmonic function of "Sun" awareness is in operation. By this is meant that all the "eyes" of living creatures within the Solar System are sensory centres within the Sun's own consciousness, wherein It becomes aware of Its own activity, Sight being a Cosmic Principle.

Human beings, or mortal bodies, in this way of understanding possess no more reality than a "transistor" which is replaced when it wears out. Thus, human beings are nothing more to the governing sun than replacable instruments and the "entity" which believes itself to possess an individual existence is a non-reality. Reference to this truth in the scriptures can be found in the statements by St. Paul in the Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter four. This is an allegorical description, or religious purpose, of our real position within the Solar structure of this system. Humans are nothing in themselves but mere component parts of a complete organism that is operating like an immense computer, continually renewing its own parts, and is not concerned with the preservation of parts but with Its own Self, as another component within a still larger scheme.

Therefore the one who has penned these notes and the one who reads them is, in very truth, the one and only thinker and doer - the only Self which is the self of all manifested life within our own Solar System. The manifested life we behold is the revealed thought

patterns of an original idea. The numerous forms then are the defined revelations of ideas residing within the consciousness of the One principle, sometimes called Jahwe - Messiah, or Christ-Helios. It is through the principles contained in this description that we can come to know our seeming separated "selves" as being this One-Self. Every idea appears as form, because every idea contains the completion of its own cycle within itself. In his Epistle to the Colossians, chapter two, Paul writes, "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily". This refers to the fact that every formulated idea contains within itself the focal point of all the qualities and nature of its source - the original "Thinker" - the Solar God. That which we call "mankind" is really the revealed consciousness of this Solar God, or Christ, at its highest level. This proves the point that a Sun is the body of an "El" or Man-God in expression and it is this Sun that is really the Being that we, as seeming individual expressions, are.

In, "The Wisdom of Solomon", the Apocryphal Old Testament, it clearly states that "God created man to be immortal, and made him to be an image of His own eternity". In another chapter it says, "For God made not death....For he created all things, that they might have their being: and the generation of the world were healthful: and there is no poison of destruction in them, nor the kingdom of death upon the earth". The truth lies in the fact that sin, suffering and death have never been thought into being by the creator and therefore, to us, possess no other reality than that of a dreamer having an unpleasant dream. The "unpleasant dream" is the result of possessing false beliefs about one's own relationship to Life - beliefs in "good and evil". Mortals which appear to live, suffer and die, according to the true teaching, have no real existence apart from the forms associated with the types of dreams experienced.

Man, as a whole unit, God Himself, is immortal and contains no seed of consciousness of anything unlike His own nature. The belief in, or appearance of, an entity or power, producing

opposite effects, is just another part of the dream. To come to Himself, man has to surmount the knowledge he has gathered from the observation of activity going on in his form body and operate from his true Self level. This is achieved by a mental effort of rising above the experience of sensual beliefs. Thus by contemplating the Truth of the Reality of Man's being - as man being the perfect concept of the God in His own manifestation, one can come actually to experience that which is the true nature of being in the world of form. That which approximates the consciousness of our Source becomes a reality to us and a living proof of the system or organism in which we live.

One can come to understand that one can escape from the world of unpleasant conditions - of a world beset by a constant warfare of good and evil - (a nightmare world,) by exercising a new discipline and following a new set of rules. The "overcoming" of the old world lies in the total abandonment of it. One cannot have a "foot in both camps" or be half-hearted in one's attempts to undergo the metamorphosis leading to the experience of reality. The whole gamut of beliefs, theories, religious arguments and moral standards existing in the dream world must go. One must empty oneself completely of what one clearly holds to be the Truth to come into the experience of one's true self.

Any revealed truth possesses no more value than one's ability to understand it, therefore our Ancient Teachers laid down provisions for their successors wherein no strict system was enforced. Being enlightened does not refer to the amount of knowledge one has on spiritual subjects, nor is it proven in the time one spends in meditation or devotion to duty. Enlightenment refers to one's capacity to demonstrate, or show forth, that which he feels within him. In this light any system, as I have said earlier, remains merely a way and means - a system or way of life. One must faithfully follow the way one has chosen until one reaches the horizon one has previously seen. One cannot experience more than one's vision and more often than not the state one arrives at will be experienced in accordance with one's concepts about it. The desirable attainment is one wherein one finally rises above all self-speculations and formulative ideas, because enlightenment is a state wherein there is no cognizance of a mortal body.

Great importance is laid upon the initiate, or pupil, fully understanding the difference between the mortal state and the immortal state because, without a well-defined picture, the pupil will have difficulty in realising the pit-falls, (and there are many,) which prevent him from making progress. The student, in his mortal experience, confines himself to the limits he sets upon himself by his overwhelming sense of mortality and the seeming dual-forces which seek to oppress him. Those scientists who are investigating the Quantum Theory are now finding that there can exist a multi-dimensional state of consciousness throughout the Cosmic System and that it is possible for a number of worlds to exist interpenetrating each other, bearing no relationship and remaining entirely independent of each other. This means that the God-Mind, or Consciousness, is capable of experiencing every conceivable idea of life-activity within itself simultaneously.

Now since our specie man is a type of God-consciousness and, according to the hypothesis, like unto his maker, he

must be of like substance and like functioning - this makes him a "Son" by virtue of him coming to self-knowledge. He then assumes his correct place by co-functioning efficiently with the One emanator - "I and my Father are One". The messianic call to "awake" from sleep is the insistence of the pulsating energies to reliven the sleeping potentials of the One self - the "Maya of Brahma".

In the east the highest teaching is known as the Vedanta and this is taught in various shades and guises but its Principle remains the same. Maurice A. Canvey in "The Encyclopaedia of Religions" states, of Vedanta "...all that really exists is the One Spirit, Atma or Brahma. The Ego is really one with the infinite eternal Being. All else is Maya or Illusion." And "The soul is hindered from enjoying union with the One Spirit by a belief in matter which is really an illusion." Vedanta teaches that true wisdom can be achieved only by contemplating the True, or Real, Self and by not allowing one's attention to be diverted by the effects of illusion.

The early Gnostics taught that man was God incarnate in matter and that by the rite of self-sacrifice he could free himself from this tomb. Many elaborate systems were formulated to help one achieve this state and some proved successful. Whilst a basic system was maintained in the mystery schools much depended, and still does, upon the skill and patience of the interpreter or teacher to put over the essentials to be understood. That is why only selected pupils were enabled to enter the school. The teacher is only there to do his work for a given period and the disciple must then go it alone with the knowledge he has gained - then work out his own salvation. This can be to his own benefit or his own undoing. It can be his own undoing if he tries to relate what he has learned to his mortal needs or to the acceptance of an existant mortal world. To misapply the higher teachings can cause great havoc in the life of him who is not pure in his approach. It is better to live the good life in the dualistic state than to play around with a false sense of the Truth.

This sublime state of consciousness is the true state of the Brahmin, the Boddhisattva, the Perfected One in the Egyptian mysteries and the ascended Christos in the Essene schools. To explain the teaching further and to bring it into focus so that it is more easily understood, the teachers use several avenues of approach to help the student. Because every idea or thought contains within itself the seed for manifestation, it follows that thoughts bearing certain "labels", for want of description, describes the very effects that can be expected from entertaining such thoughts. Everybody more or less understands that loving thoughts produce an atmosphere of love and hateful thoughts produce tension. To succeed in this way means that we should maintain careful control over our thought processes, entertaining only those thoughts and ideas that are conducive to our quest and avoiding all inharmonious thoughts. Many yoga teachers in the east use this knowledge in their mantra systems and believe that by chanting the name or quality of a particular deity, it will produce like circumstances for the disciple; but this is only half-truth. The thoughts concerned contain the essence of the experience, so it is no use uttering statements or words that one does not fully understand. For example, it is of little use meditating upon, or singing about, Agape if one is not demonstrating it in one's living. One cannot gain something for nothing. One can meditate upon or pray about peace all one's life yet gain little peace at all. The secret lies in the "doing" of it. Peace will be experienced only to the degree that one eliminates distracting thoughts from the mind and encourages peace to reign in his surrounding atmosphere. "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only", taught Jesus.

A Solar System, being the outward form of a Christ Sun, is the embodiment of the most perfect idea of Creation and the inherent consciousness contains the very essence of "material" that makes an objective world possible. This means that this Christ Consciousness is the "stuff" out of which all manifestation

comes. Since, as seeming individuals, we "live, move and have our being" in this "stuff" or substance, then there can be no other material available out of which emanation proceeds. Our very make-up and reality is revealed in the fact that we are of the same substance of that which brought us forth. Because we cannot ever be separated, by the very fact of being contained within it, our "life is hid with Christ in God" and, in truth, no opposite can be in existence.

The idea of anything evil, or opposing the perfect design is like the child being afraid because he thinks there is a "bogy-man" in his bedroom and requires comfort from his parents in assuring him that this is not so. Most "evil" thoughts arise through fear. One steals because he fears lack. One hates because he feels the absence of love. One kills because he believes falsely that he can destroy that which causes him fear. In all cases the doers of evil act in the way they do because they fear the absence of the opposite good. To eliminate slowly every idea of opposite brings one to a state of calm and an assurance of the eternal stability of the real "kingdom" in which one, when awakened, lives. We cannot change the way life really is. From long experience it can be learned that the very nature and character of that medium in which we live is impartial in its action. Whilst this Christ-Mind appears to be impersonal in its caring for the whole - It, nevertheless, can be seen working out for the benefit of every seeming individual in its domain. To understand this correctly banishes every vestige of fear and sick bodies can be healed.

The physical body is proved to have never been anything substantial at the time of death. In most cases a person is unaware of the fact that he has "died" and that he has separated from the body. He feels no different. If he sees the "corpse" nearby he does not associate himself with it. In the Sacred Teaching, as in the Vedanta, the physical body is nothing in reality and therefore it is of no help to identify one's self with it. It is the true Spiritual Self alone that exists and that which appears to be a body living in a physical world

is a dream produced by belief and supposition. Regarding the doctrine of Reincarnation which was abandoned by the Christian church around the sixth century, and is firmly believed by the eastern religions, one might ask how does it appear in the light of the ancient teaching? There are several people who can recall past lives and from the theories aforementioned would seem out of context. We state that because man has not yet fully awakened, he still keeps "nodding off" into a series of dream states. By following the teachings advocated one finally becomes aware of one's immortal state and remains free. These facts were taught in the Hermetic sciences in the ancient Egyptian and Greek schools. The great truth that this Reality exists lies in the evidence of those awakened ones who call us to "awake" also. One cannot awaken to something that is not already there.

Appolonious of Tyana, in a letter to Valerius, wrote, "There is no dying save in appearance and no birth or becoming save only in appearance" and "that which is in existence can never really disappear". This is referring to the great secret that, if we consider suffering and cessation of life to be real, it is of little use trying to overcome them. However, the Great Teachers showed us the way to free ourselves and prove them to be nothing more than illusions.

The spiritual properties of the sun have long been known in the mystical schools and since the "Christian" era came into being, the sun was designated as Christ Helios, or the Christ Sun. The Christ Sun is, and always has been, a permanent focal point for a genuine help towards a deeper understanding of the life within. Long before the great teachers of this epoch came to be remembered, the Buddha, Viracocha, Krishna, Confucius, Moses or Jesus, this heavenly agent for Love and Wisdom was pouring out perfect qualities to His Dominion. He is also depicted on the walls of the ancient catacombs in Rome.

In the early centuries of the Christian era, there were many different schools of thought and tradition and because some of these schools were in fact

initiatory orders, their teachings have never been known by the public. From the fourth century onwards, Christianity assumed political powers and the individual sects were persecuted by those in authority and, in many cases, everybody was forced to become "orthodox Christians" by law, even Jews and the like. By this action alone the true secrets of life became obscured. Love no longer reigned.

The great civilizations of long ago, who built massive and beautiful buildings and acquired skills in the arts, were influenced by the direct energies emanating from their incarnate priest sun kings. These beings were the actual instruments of the Solar Forces interpreted at the level of the people. From the influence of these priest kings, the people were able to live life to the full. In spite of what modern researchers say about them, being influenced by their orthodox academic backgrounds, these ancient peoples learned the secrets of power and wisdom. Without the sophisticated instruments used by today's healers it was known that the love and understanding of the practitioner succeeded where his medicine failed. All healing practices, of whatever kind, are only as successful as those that heal live according to the divine Laws of Truth. Healing is not the central function of a spiritual school, but as each student applies the teachings to his life's problems he, or she, will find healing taking place naturally.

It is not easy to find a true mystical school in the western world because there are many groups claiming to be genuine, yet they charge large fees and impose many restrictions, rules and regulations, on their members. Many claims are made about being in touch with hierarchical masters and the possession of special powers; but as many of these masters and powers are, in reality, non-existent, it is little wonder that people remain in the dark. Should a student of truth become hampered by a belief in persons and powers external to himself, or herself, he or she will find themselves once again in the darkness. There is only one direction in which to seek the light and freedom from mortal sufferings,

and that is from within. The Light and Love of the Eternal Sun emanates from within outwards.

In the western hemisphere, we are mainly concerned with Christianity, although the ancient solar wisdom can still be found in the teachings of Islam and more especially in Judaism. Christianity has borrowed most of its tenets from Judaism and the mystery schools of Egypt and Greece, as I have mentioned earlier.

The true secrets of enlightenment are partly preserved in those books which have been classified as apocryphal or symbolic, and because they contain little or no reference to a historical Christ have been regarded as "heretical". In every age, however, a new revelation of truth has been treated as a heresy, but this does not deter the sincere seeker who is determined to achieve his goal of reaching perfection. Perfection is the demand of the Christ teachers.

One great help in reaching the required goal is to identify one's self with the archetypal idea of man as he is reported to have been originally created, that is, in the image and likeness of God. Then by a process of eliminating that material which clouds this image, one can live out one's life by claiming dominion over errors. This is the basic method taught in the more advanced schools and a system is used to enable the work to be easier. The correct system then is very important and can be highly effective, but still remains only a help. The result lies with the disciple. One should learn the art of relying solely upon the Inner Self. One should not run away with the idea that this is a new teaching. It is the oldest of teachings. Therefore, the way is known by the guardians, and as it appears new to those who discover it, the form was laid down and is preserved in its pure state by the earth's spiritual mentors who reveal or withdraw it from curiosity seekers and those who would try to destroy it.

In the following extract from the Acts of John of the Apocryphal New Testament, one can see the inner teaching carefully preserved. One cannot rely wholly on

written material, which is why it is necessary to belong to a sacred school so that the content can be rightly commented upon and explained.

"Now what I seem to be, I am not... Having thus spoken, He showed me a Cross of Light set up, (note that it was not a cross of suffering) and about the cross a great multitude... Above the Cross I saw the Lord Himself with no shape. This cross of Light is sometimes called the Word by me for your sakes,... sometimes Jesus, sometimes Christ,... sometimes a way... sometimes Resurrection ... sometimes son... sometimes truth... By these names it is called as towards men..."

"The multitude that are about the cross is the lower nature with its many forms. The multitude that heareth my voice are they that are above with me having but one form."

"Be ye also persuaded, therefore, Beloved of God, that it is not a man whom I preach unto you to worship but God unchangeable, God invincible, God higher than all authority and Power, and elder and mightier than all the creatures that are named and all ages. If then you abide in Him and are built up in Him you shall possess your soul indestructible". That is, one shall discover his immortality. This same idea is contained in the teaching of Islam and would be effective if it was not obscured by the dogmas of punishment for sin.

Who were these people such as Moses, the prophets, the disciples and Jesus, whom the church and state have prevented others from excelling in spiritual teachings? Jesus taught his followers that they could lead on to greater things than he disclosed, if they followed his teachings. He never claimed more for himself that could not be achieved by anyone else. The organised church has dared to over-ride the natural process of a gradually deepening revelation of truth over the ages and by its set dogmas has nailed their Jesus eternally to a cross of suffering. It was, in fact, Pope Adrian the first, in the eighth century, who proposed the idea of the Christ being represented as the form of a man upon a cross. Many writers on

early Christianity are unaware of this fact and seem surprised to find that "crucifixes" figured little in the beginning.

In an enlightened society the scriptures are continually being added to by new leaders and teachers in spite of the accusations of "heresy" and "cultism". Truth is not concerned with whether priests should be "celibate" or women becoming priests or if "the pill" is a desirable method of birth control. These are decisions for human beings to make and have nothing to do with Divine Knowledge. Likewise, dieting and vegetarianism possess no foundations in spiritual truths, but sometimes are the result of certain moral convictions. Further, there are as many different ways of understanding God as there are numbers of people in the world.

No person has special access to God, neither can any person "fix it" with God for another. Whether one be a king, bishop, priest, guru or prime minister, one is no nearer to God than the least amongst us. All of us are as near to God as we ever will be. The great rise in the consumption of alcohol reveals a thirst for the true spirit but ignorance leads men to believe it is to be found outside of themselves.

Many seekers after truth get confused with the terms used in the more advanced systems. For example, we frequently use the terms Real and Unreal or Reality and Illusion. The question often arises, "How can I tell the difference?" We refer to the appearances in this visible world as the Unreality of Illusion because nothing here is substantial or to be relied upon. Thus we translate that which we call the Real World into spiritual verities. Beauty, goodness and truth are manifest in action and are eternal qualities for whatever circumstances one might find one's self in this world - goodness can prevail.

In the world we have three main systems which can be divided into the categories of politics, religion and law, for the sake of explanation, although any human field of knowledge could be included. Human justice is based upon proving a person guilty or the person proving himself innocent and a court is set to argue the case. The weaknesses in this system have resulted in innocent persons being proved guilty. In our terminology then, we say, that justice in the world is illusion, for here the saying is "justice must be seen to be done." In this light "worldly justice" is the counterfeit of "Divine Justice" or the Real.

One has only to look at the political systems around the world today and it can readily be seen that most countries are undergoing crises in work shortage, commodity supplies and economical troubles. So politics are unreliable in the answering of human problems. Again politics are the counterfeit of Divine Government under which there are no flaws.

Religion too, in its attempt to arrange systems for harmonious living and answers to emotional problems, fails because, by the time committees and synods have reached agreement on a plan of action, the problems have moved to another dimension or area of experience. So we say that a religion of the "eye" or of organised dogmas and doctrines is the counterfeit of the true or real "religion" of the heart. One can see here the duality in action of the Unreal, or counterfeit systems, clouding over the underlying Permanent Principles in Life that cannot be organised. Our only proof of the Reality in our lives lies in the application of the Principles, as taught by the great teachers. In our living, to experience the truth about the eternal, unchanging qualities we can find that a powerful government rules, a just law resides and an enduring light on every problem is shown. Where the Real and Unreal relates to personal problems we have to apply the Sacred Principles, already established as Religious Truths, and apply them to the situation concerned. When applied correctly, with a little patience, the problems are

resolved and Truth is proved to be true.

I have already quoted the saying, "Love God and your fellow man" as being the only real answer to all problems. It can be seen, from this statement that all attention is taken away from the individual self and we could say that this attitude was being "unselfish". In practice we find that most troubles come about by one being concerned for one's self. So we say that self-centredness generates all kinds of illusions about the Real Self which has no problems to be solved. It is a case then of switching our attitude to the acceptance of the already existing Truth about that which we acknowledge as the Reality of Being, and the troubles vanish like the illusions they are. This sounds simple in practice but one has to understand fully what is happening for the system to become really effective. For example, one cannot expect a principle to work immediately, unless one has done some study and living out of the tenets involved first. One cannot play a concerto on the piano until much practice has been done earlier. The same idea applies to this teaching; but God sometimes confounds us even in this.

This living according to a spiritual discipline is often referred to as the "way" or "path" and all men are encouraged to "walk" along it. Disciples usually refer to themselves as Christians, Buddhists, Hindus, Jews or Taoists. This represents the mainstreams of belief as apart from the many sects, or cults, existing within each division. Many sects exist in each main religion that are at variance with each other, and this is because of the dogmatic attitudes taken by the more powerful sects.

By experience we come to learn that the Real world exists, irrespective of whether or not we are aware of it. When we are sufficiently awakened to the Truth we can observe the dream-like and fantasy-producing action of the "human phase" of mind. Where can one find this Truth at a beginners level? There has been a great interest in the teachings of the Essenes over the past few years, mainly due to the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls. The Nag Hammadi Books

discovered in 1945 gives us a look at what the "Gnostic" sects believed. Eusebius the bishop connected with the Nicene Council in the fourth century, admits in his writings, that the four gospels and some of the epistles belonged to the Essenes and that these were the "Jesus". The Essenes were a monastic sect that possessed secret interpretations of the Scriptures and it was from these holy men that Christianity borrowed most of its practices. Along with the writings of Paul, the "Gnostic", Christianity became an organised body and many human suppositions became part of its theology. The term "Essene" is, according to Epiphanius, derived from the Judaic mysteries applied to "Jesse".

Truth, in its real sense, cannot be organised but there are several groups today following, in their own way, that which they feel to be "Essene". Some of these groups have added their own fancies to the basic teachings, so one should look around for the less sensational attachments. Likewise, there are some groups calling themselves "Gnostic", possessing many attached illusions to the facts. The emphasis of many of these groups is placed upon the teaching of the science, or knowledge, of "Ascension". Since it is this kind of knowledge that the true seekers must eventually reach, one should look around with caution before joining a school. Whilst many of the ideas attached to truth are frivolous, one should look for the "protective" elements within the dogmas. If one is taught Purity, Truth and Righteousness with absolute reliance on the First Principle and a love for our fellow-man, together with little or no request for fees or dues, it is safe to make approaches.

The existing "Mystery Schools" and many "New Age" sects are a continual annoyance to the main religious bodies. As these are an integral part of the Solar influences for man's growth and development, the "orthodox" streams should, if they dislike friction, find ways of attaching the "heretics" to their organisations. Only in this way can harmony be established and a balanced view of life be gained.

One should avoid committees, and

organisations, campaigning for human rights, or freedom for the individual. These types only seek for that which is "right", according to their own suppositions. Any statement which claims to be founded upon an experience of Truth can have, according to some schools, seven or even twelve sides to its meaning and one ancient group supposed there to be twenty-two. Whichever way one sees this idea, the individual is capable of seeing only one or two sides of the revelation of Light and the only position where one might behold the whole is looking out from the centre. Because of the elusiveness of Truth, one should regard only that which feels right from within and all outside sources should be viewed as effects already passing.

When a person comes into the presence of the Light of Truth it might cause him, or her, to become uneasy because one judges one's self against that which one sees and could show up one's darker nature. If one is sincere in one's seeking, fear should be overcome because all is to be gained and there is no condemnation or judgment in Divine Love.

In these pages one can see that judgment of the organised religions has taken place, but this must cease when one comes to the realisation of Cosmic Truth. The Great Central Sun sends out its rays of Light and Love to all being. It does not judge or condemn. Man judges and condemns himself by taking the Light to himself. He is not free until he has released himself completely to the Will of the Father of all Lights. Are the scriptures really an authority on the Truth of Being? Their only validity lies in their function to lead one in the direction of Truth.

There are many writings and these become classified by theologians according to how the content fits in to the dogmas and doctrines advanced by the orthodox church councils. St. Paul warns us not to accept the "philosophies of the world after the traditions of men". Organised religion is after the traditions of men.

The Holy Bible, especially the Old Testament, was not written until the third century B.C. At the request of the Jewish

nation, the Essene Brotherhood translated the original scriptures, which were devoid of dogmas, doctrines and sectarianism, into a manner acceptable to the Jewish people in the form of a history. This was intentional so that these people might see God working out for them. In no way was a "chosen race" suggested. This is a dogma that has arisen, as is usual, when man looks without for his salvation. The commandments did not, originally, contain references to man's subjection to any other race on earth, such as the Egyptian, for example. The New Testament was not added until the fourth century A.D. The same thing happened again with respect to arranging the books that a dogma of man's fall and a final salvation by a saviour on a cross appeared in literal form.

The present confusion in the world today is the evidence of a world crying out for truth and love. The world's peoples have been exploited by those who follow wrong political attitudes, by power-seeking religious organisations and every form of commercialism. The alternative "organisation" is already here. Not administered by mortal men, it is under the control of the Universal Intelligence Itself. The "Kingdom of Heaven" on earth is not subject to any of earth's powers or organisations; neither will the whims or fancies of mortals be imposed upon it. By its very presence and powerful reality, the false world will slowly melt away into nothingness simply by the continual insistence of the consuming fire of love. The pursuits of selfish mortals will be turned into a recognition of God's all-pervading presence. All men will say in their hearts, "Thy will be done" and the Kingdom becomes a permanent reality in the lives of all men.

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